

# Aged, Dying Greek Premier Won't Give Up

## Cabinet Called In Special Session

ATHENS, Greece, Nov. 27 (UP)—Aged Premier Themistocles Sophoulis lay near death on an army cot in his office late today, but neither Mr. Sophoulis nor all of his doctors had abandoned hope.

He received the last rites of the Greek Orthodox Church this morning and his seven physicians said he was sinking fast. But young Dr. Constantine Samaras refused to give up.

He administered heart stimulants and injections until Mr. Sophoulis awoke from unconsciousness, asked for—and got—a second glass of beer and ate a meal of soup and yogurt.

It was the biggest meal the "Old Man," whose age has been variously estimated from 88 to 92, had eaten since he was stricken by a heart attack Wednesday night. He has not been moved from the cot since the attack.

### Special Session

King Paul and American and British officials were notified of the gravity of Mr. Sophoulis' condition and the cabinet was ordered into special session.

Mr. Sophoulis himself sent word to Minister of War Constantine Rentsis to step up operations against Communist-led guerrillas in the Peloponnese area.

"Tell him he must get the troops in action within two weeks at the most," the premier said. For the last rites, an ancient Byzantine ikon was brought with great ceremony to the parliament building, where Mr. Sophoulis' office is located. Cabinet members, gendarmes and members of the onlooking crowd kissed the ikon as it was carried along the corridor.

Mr. Sophoulis himself kissed the ikon and then, as the service was conducted by a priest, fell asleep. The ikon came originally from Crete and later was given to the Athens Byzantine church. According to legend, it has a miraculous healing power.

### Fight to the Last

Mr. Sophoulis said he knew he was "on the threshold of death," but he wanted to fight to the last.

The heart attack came just three days after Mr. Sophoulis had won a vote of confidence as premier by only one vote. He first took over as premier in September, 1947 at the persuasion of U. S. officials who wanted a board coalition government.

Early this month, a split in his own Liberal party forced him to resign. He was persuaded to continue as premier and last Sunday, by that slim one-vote margin, he remained in office.

Mr. Sophoulis' age was uncertain because he was born before adequate records were kept. In the summer of 1947, he told a United Press reporter that he was 88. That would make him 89 or 90 now.

# 'Borrowed' Navy Fails; 1-Man War On Reds Dropped

NEW YORK, Nov. 27 (UP)—Edward Malickewitz decided today to drop his plans for a one-man naval attack on the Soviet Union in a "borrowed" auxiliary schooner.

He reluctantly reached his decision when he was charged in felony court with stealing the \$32,000 craft from Joseph B. Sandler of the Bronx.

Malickewitz, a 35-year-old unemployed laborer, said he decided to go after the Russians after a round of taverns Wednesday night. He said he saw the schooner in Flushing Bay, Queens, and climbed aboard. His plan was to sail for Poland, which he thought would be the best place to start hostilities.

He cast off the seven dock lines and started the two engines. But he forgot to turn on the gas lines from the fuel tanks. The engines conked out and the boat drifted aground at College Point.

## Four Arrested in Ohio When Strikers Fight

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 27 (UP)—Three pickets and a union organizer were charged with malicious destruction of property today after angry strikers turned over the automobile of a worker attempting to enter the strike-bound American Zinc Oxide Co. plant here.

Sheriff's deputies hauled 16 other pickets and another organizer to jail but no charges were placed against them. Deputies said, however, that the case would be referred to the county prosecutor and that additional charges could be filed. The flare-up began when the company refused to bargain with the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (CIO).

## Cab Rider, 60, Unhurt In Crash With Tram

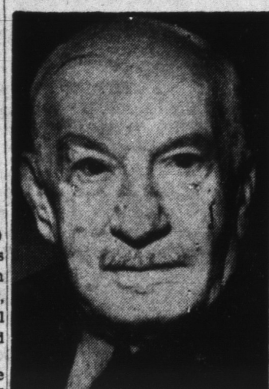
A 60-year-old taxi cab passenger escaped injury last night when the vehicle crashed into the rear of a streetcar at Illinois and Market Sts.

Mrs. Anna Pool, 2628 N. Ethel St., was taken to her home in a General Hospital ambulance. Police identified the cab driver as Herbert Oates, 202 N. Walcott St.

## Queen Ready to Sail

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Nov. 27 (UP)—All the Queen Elizabeth's passengers, baggage and stores were aboard once again, ready to sail at the scheduled (2:15 a. m. Indianapolis time) tomorrow after a 10-day delay.

## Near Death



Greek Premier Themistocles Sophoulis... the fight goes on... for country and for life.

## Bloomington Gets Pumping Station

### Bean Blossom Creek To Provide Water

BLOOMINGTON, Nov. 27—An auxiliary pumping station on Bean Blossom Creek, which is expected to increase materially Bloomington's water supply, will go into operation soon.

Necessary parts to complete the line have arrived after months of delay. Immediate installation is promised by the Curry Construction Co.

Bloomington's water supply, which has long been a source of concern to city officials and Indiana University, will be made adequate by the addition of the Bean Blossom station, investigating engineers have stated.

## Julius Huehn to Address Choir Leaders in Oratorios

### Directors Association To Meet Tuesday

The Indianapolis Choir Directors' Association will present Julius Huehn in a talk on "Oratorio and Its Use in the Church" Tuesday following a 6:30 p. m. dinner meeting in the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Huehn sang last year in the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's oratorio, "Elijah." He is the new head of the Jordan Conservatory voice department. The talk will be given with the thought that choir directors at this season are focusing on oratorios for Christmas music programs—particularly the "Messiah" by Handel.

The Centenary Christian Church Choir, directed by William Moon, will sing a 20-minute recital and Cole Watkins will give

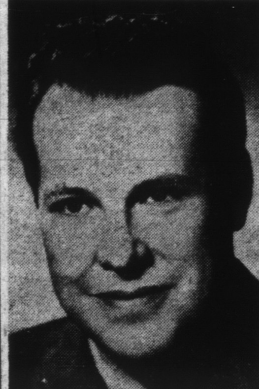
a program of new music with emphasis on responses and interludes. He directs the music in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Mrs. Helen Thomas Robinson, association president, will conduct the business session and Mrs. Omar Rybolt will be in charge of the diningroom.

## Gilbert to Head Kokomo Auto License Office

KOKOMO, Nov. 28—Raymond Gilbert, Howard County Democratic chairman, will become manager of the local auto license branch office Wednesday.

He will succeed Ralph Yates, Republican county chairman. Mr. Gilbert was notified of his appointment yesterday by Charles Fleming, secretary of state-elect. Mrs. Edna Bender, Democratic vice-chairman, will be assistant manager.

## Talks at Dinner



Julius Huehn will address the Indianapolis Choir Directors Association.

## 'Romeos' Taking It on Lam; Locally, Cupid's in a Jam

### Weddings on Decline, Survey Shows, and Well, Indianapolis Is Leading the Nation

Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou, Romeo? This seems a simple enough question but an apparent dearth of romantic, altar-minded persons in Indianapolis, has caused no little concern in one government agency.

In fact, the crisis was so dire that the agency made a survey. The statistics it garnered reveal that the business of getting married is on the wane nationally. But it also points up the fact that Indianapolis leads the nation in putting a large crimp in Dan Cupid's trade.

Marriageable males hereabouts, it would seem from the report, have taken to the tall timber this year.

The Public Health Service reported that in September 57,195 marriages licenses were issued in 72 major cities with populations of 100,000 or more, and added with some alarm:

"It was the 22nd consecutive month for which a decrease was registered when compared with the corresponding month in the previous year."

Furthermore, the service said, its figures tend to approximate marriages performed because "not all licenses result in marriages."

Marriages likewise are down in Marion County, says County Clerk A. Jack Tilson.

According to his figures, 618 happy couples applied for tickets to wedded bliss during last month. And this compared with 702 during the same month of 1947, shows a decrease of 84.

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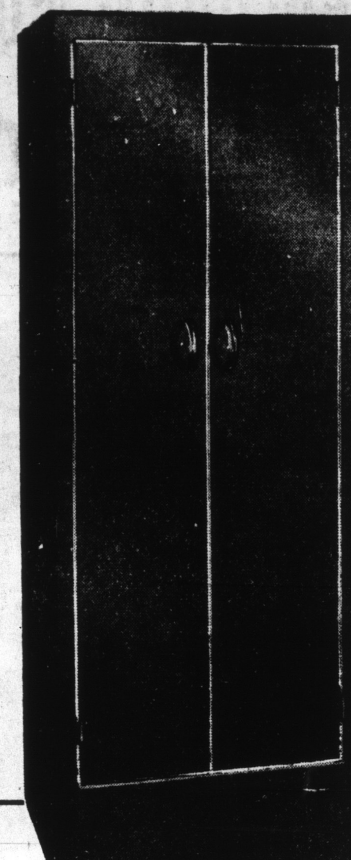
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